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**HEADS' LETTER**

**OCTOBER 19, 2006**



**PFA FUN RUN AND FALL FESTIVAL REMINDER!!!  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**



**REMEMBER: WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY A GREAT FAMILY DAY!** The Fun Run begins at 8:30 AM on the west side and the Fall Festival starts 10:00 AM and concludes at 1:00 PM on the east side.



**“NEE HOW” MEANS “HELLO” IN CHINESE  
OUR VISITORS FROM NANJING, CHINA HAVE ARRIVED!  
WHAT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR US!**



**Who are they?** We have four university students with us. Three are students in a prestigious Educational Technology program at Nanjing University (Jun, Rain and Jie). One is a student in Public Management (Vanessa), who is very interested in education. Dr. Swarzman met them in China during the trip with the I.S.C. (International School Connection) that visited China last April. IDS was the featured school for that visit. Also part of the group is Professor Sang and Professor Li who are here to attend and present at the I.S.C. Summit Conference and prepare for the 2007 Conference in China.

**What will they do here?** They will be learning from our teachers about the M.O.R.E. Approach (Multiple Options for Results in Education). They will also be interacting with our students throughout the time here sharing Chinese culture and language, and building bridges between nations as our students enter the age of global awareness and citizenry. They are also presenting to schools with an international perspective in the greater Tampa Bay area arranged through the I.S.C.

Please be sure to stop by the Laney Library and see the Chinese corner, where they have created a display to show where east meets west.

**What is so special about them?** You are invited to come and meet them. Immediately you will be overcome with their enthusiasm for learning everything possible about our American and IDS cultures as well as ready to share and answer any questions you may have about life and language in China. Our eighth graders already had a great visit with Vanessa in their Spanish class as they were learning about family structures throughout the world! Our students, Senora Jennings and Vanessa had a magnificent connection of sharing!!! It was a WOW!!!

**A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY NEXT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26:** A special presentation will be held for all Extended Day Students from 4:00 - 5:00 PM...an introduction to Chinese Language and Culture. Everyone is invited to come, including parents.

Beginning Wednesday and Thursday, November 1 and 2, an introductory course for parents and children will be held from 4:00 - 5:00 PM on our campus, given by Jie and Vanessa. Our guests are here through December 10, so be sure to take every opportunity to meet with them. They will also be attending the Fun Run and Family Fall Festival. More information will arrive in next week's Heads' Letter to enroll in the course.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY BRINGS SMILES, JOY, AND LEARNING BY DOING!

It has become a tradition in the Middle School for one of our half days each semester to turn into a day of giving to the Tampa Bay Community. Through Multi-Age Advisory Groups, students plan community service days to a variety of places. Some groups go year after year to special places where they have made connections and others search out new places where they can devote their time for a good cause. Follow-up, that includes written reflections and group discussions, will take part in their next Advisory meeting. A process called Plus/Delta evaluates the positives of the experience and the areas where we want to learn more, change and or refine! Developing tools for life are embedded in this day of service. Below is a brief overview of each group's experience. However, each group could easily fill up this whole Heads' Letter with their personal and group memorable experiences!!

- Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Jagdmann's advisory group made their way to 12<sup>th</sup> Street Station in Tampa on Community Service Day. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Station is a daycare for children ages one through five. The twelve students in the advisory group spent time with the different age groups playing games, reading stories and decorating trick or treat bags for the small children. The afternoon ended in grand Halloween style as the IDS students made their way through the classrooms distributing candy to the children.
- Mrs. Rivera and Mrs. Quin's advisory groups traveled to MOSI for their day of community service. Initially we were supposed to be doing indoor, somewhat clerical work. The day, however, transformed into one of hard labor. Many of our students were asked to shovel, sweep and move mountains of mulch to and from a large outdoor area. Others were asked to go deep into the MOSI trails to pick up trash. We discussed the importance of our type of community service - the messy non-glamorous kind. Without fail, our students willingly accepted the task given to them and began it diligently. It was a productive day and the students left with a feeling of accomplishment.
- Mrs. Thomas' advisory promoted Pump It Up. Pump It Up, an organization started by IDS's own Savannah Walters, promotes keeping your automobile tires properly inflated so you can save on gas and extend the life of the tires. We handed out flyers and FREE tire gauges at the Sam's Club on North Dale Mabry. Our goal was to help the individuals we met to save money on gas and to serve the world community by helping the environment.
- Mrs. Morey and Mr. McColley took their advisory to the Headstart School at MOSI. Our students interacted with preschool children by reading them stories, playing with them on the playground, helping them do arts and crafts, and just spending quality time with them. Both the Headstart children and our students benefited from the time and attention they gave each other.
- Mrs. Boza and Mr. Bronson teamed up their two advisory teams to volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries. The students rotated through three different stations to get a much broader picture of all that Metropolitan Ministries has to offer. The students worked in the kitchen preparing food for distribution to homeless shelters throughout Tampa Bay. They also worked in the general merchandise distribution center sorting, boxing canned goods, and toiletry items. Finally, they worked in the thrift store organizing shelves and sorting and folding clothes and linens. By the end of the day, the students had a much better appreciation for all that Metropolitan Ministries does for the community and knew that they had spent their morning working for a worthwhile cause.
- Ms. Robinson's Advisory Group spent Service Day uniting the generations by socializing, doing crafts, and engaging in various other activities with the senior citizens who spend their days at the Westshore Senior Center. One of the highlights was when three of our eighth grade girls were requested to perform a song for the group. They spontaneously performed an absolutely beautiful song for the group. They got an outstanding applause and were even told they "gave goosebumps" to some of the audience. The group also showed their aerobics session with the seniors on WIDS TV. It was very heartwarming!
- Ms. Grigelevich, Mr. Vokoun and Ms. Norlin's advisories teamed together to work with the Tampa Parks Department and The Tampa Beautification Program at Davis Islands Dog Beach. Students did an amazing job picking up hundreds of pounds of trash that ranged from hubcaps to chicken bones as well as plastic bags to kitchen glassware. Everyone was very proud of the students' hard work in that blazing sun and impressed with the students' determination to do a great job.
- Ms. Soule's advisory went to Alpha House--a home for homeless unwed mothers and their children. The women receive education, job training, and parenting skills. The purpose is for them to be able to make it on their own. The group cleaned the place (inside & out), including getting an apartment ready for a new mother and baby.
- Mr. Dewey and Mrs. Rosenberg took their groups to "A Gift for Teaching of Tampa Bay". This organization provides teaching supplies to students and teachers without enough funding for classroom supplies. Our students helped to sort and pack materials. Our service hours also add to the "bank of hours" that brings grant money to this important organization.

## SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES, GREAT THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND AND COMING UP SOON...!!!

**First:** Remember to sign up yourself and your friends for the golf tournament. See page 4 for details.

**Second:** The musical **Pajama Game** will be performed by *Tampa Broadway Theatre of Tampa* at IDS. Our own Seth Travaglino is the producer and director of this community theatre production. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (October 19, 20, and 21) at 8:00 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM. You can call Mr. T. for tickets at (813) 240-2039 or get them at the door.

**Third:** The Academy will be performing at Gaither High School on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 PM. The Academy features Mr. Bronson, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Vokoun, and IDS parent and Mr. Stiles. You can get tickets from Mr. LeBlanc ([mleblanc@idsyes.com](mailto:mleblanc@idsyes.com)) or at the door. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

**Fourth:** Fun Run and Family Fall Festival, this Saturday. *See the front page for details...*

**Fifth:** Remember to purchase your tickets for the **October 29** Reflections Concert in the Farish Center. Bring culture and joy into a family experience. This weekend take the time to plan ahead, invite your friends, and enjoy the concert together.

**Sixth:** On Wednesday, October 25, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, the Pre-Kindergarten 4 and Kindergarten classes will conduct a full-scale medieval fair as the culminating activity of their International Baccalaureate Unit on "Back In Time." They have been busy comparing the past to the present. What they have accomplished is amazing beyond words. The Fair will be a major mini-medieval fair for our young ones. Bravo to the teachers for their creativity and brilliance in turning this unit into a wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

**Seventh:** Well, for some reason the county **Hispanic Heritage Festival** was cancelled. Oops - something in politics and participation. Who knows? However, our terrific foreign language team with Senoras Jennings, Figueruelo and Morgan came up with a perfect alternative for our 25 students who were eager to compete. They will present their work at the Monday Morning Assembly, on October 30, under the leadership of Headmaster for the Day, Jade Cohn. Everyone is invited. These students are worth coming to see!!!

## ENCLOSURES

1. IDS Kids Classic Invitation
2. Reflections Concert Ticket Form
3. Halloween Spectacular Concert Press Release
4. Peacock Post Halloween Candy Gram
5. Student Faculty Sports Challenge



## TWO FYIs FOR PARENTS

1. Halloween is approaching. We ask parents to work with us on this. For school class events, please wear costumes that are appropriate, follow dress code, and leave violence for somewhere other than IDS. Any masks that produce blood and guts, or are difficult to remove, or hide good sight will be removed regardless of the age of the student. Thanks for your help.
2. When you park on the sidewalk, you violate pedestrian access. We have a number of special need neighbors who report to us, the county and the sheriff's office when this occurs. It is "ticketable".



I know, I've made my foursome for the IDS 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Classic, have you made yours yet?

**Independent Day School-Corbett Campus  
presents:  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual IDS Kids Golf Classic**

**Emerald Greens Golf & Country Club  
Monday, November 13, 2006**



- Individual Player \$180 or Foursome \$700
- Registration fee includes:  
Round of golf, lunch and dinner, player gift package, drinks, and snacks.
- Registration and lunch: 10:30 - 11:45 AM  
Shotgun start: 12:00 PM  
Dinner, auction, awards: 5:00 PM

**REMEMBER:**  
All funds raised  
directly benefit every  
IDS student!!!



- Field limited to 120 players.
- A great opportunity to network with the parents and friends of Independent Day School - Corbett Campus.
- Register **today** thru Wednesday, November 1, 2006.



**To sponsor or donate to the event, please contact  
Angela Kaliban, Golf Chairperson at  
(813) 961-3087**

